

REMARKS

CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5, 7-12 and 14-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 15 and 17-20 have been rejected. Claims 6, 13, 14 and 16 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 13 have been cancelled.

AMENDMENTS:

As indicated above, Applicants have amended the claims to rewrite the previous claims 6, 13, 14 and 16 in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claims and intervening claims. More specifically, Applicants have amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations of previous claim 6, which is now canceled. As such, Applicants submit that amended independent claim 1 is now patentable as it includes all of the limitations of the previous dependent claim 6. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 depend from and include all of the limitations of amended independent claim 1, rendering these claims patentable also.

Similarly, Applicants have amended claim 10 to include all of the limitations of previous claim 13, which is now canceled. As such, Applicants submit that amended independent claim 10 is now patentable as it includes all of the limitations of the previous dependent claim 13, which the Examiner has indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 14 has been amended to depend from claim 10 instead of the previous claim 13. Claims 11-12 and 14-17 depend from and include all of the limitations of amended independent claim 10, rendering these claims patentable also.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to include all of the same limitations as amended independent claim 10, except that it is written in a form that covers a "computer-readable medium." As such, applicants submit that amended independent claim 18 is patentable for all of the same reasons as amended claim 10 (*i.e.*, having been

redrafted in independent form to include all of the limitations of the previous dependent claim 13, which the Examiner indicated to be allowable).

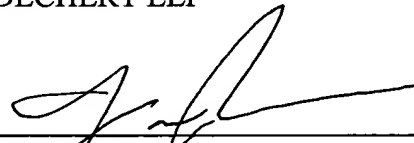
CONCLUSION

Thus, in light of the above, having responded to each and every ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the above-mentioned application and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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